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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

9 CFR Part 92

[Docket No. 95-084-1]

RIN 0579-AA77

Permanent Private Quarantine Facilities for Horses

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: We are soliciting public comment on the need for and appropriate standards for the establishment of permanent private quarantine facilities for horses imported into the United States. We are also giving notice that we are withdrawing a previously published proposed rule that would have allowed the operation of permanent private quarantine facilities for horses, added new requirements for approval of temporary private quarantine facilities for horses, and required the government to collect payment from each privately operated quarantine facility for services provided by the government at the facility.

DATES: Consideration will be given only to comments received on or before April 26, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 95-084-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 95-084-1. Comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect comments are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David Vogt, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Import/Export Animals, National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, Unit 39, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737, (301) 734-8170.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations in 9 CFR part 92 (referred to below as the regulations) govern the importation into the United States of specified animals and animal products in order to prevent the introduction into the United States of various communicable diseases. The regulations require that certain animals be quarantined upon arrival in the United States as a condition of importation. There are two types of quarantine facilities for animals being imported into the United States: Government operated facilities and privately operated facilities. The regulations contain requirements for the approval of temporary private quarantine facilities for horses; however, the regulations do not provide for the approval of permanent private quarantine facilities for horses.

Withdrawal of Previous Proposal

On September 6, 1989, we published in the Federal Register (54 FR 36986-36996, Docket No. 85-061) a proposed rule that would have allowed the operation of permanent private quarantine facilities for horses, added new requirements for approval of temporary private quarantine facilities for horses, and required the government to collect payment from each privately operated quarantine facility for services provided by the government at the facility. However, on August 2, 1990, we published in the Federal Register (55 FR 31484-31562, Docket No. 90-023) a final rule that reorganized all of part 92, including those sections concerning quarantine facilities for horses, so that the proposed provisions are no longer consistent with the current part 92 format. In addition, because of the amount of time that has elapsed since publication of the proposed rule, some of the proposed provisions may no longer be appropriate. For these reasons, we are withdrawing the proposed rule and reopening public discussion of the issues.

Comments Requested

There appears to be occasional public demand for quarantine services for horses other than those available at existing federal facilities. It also appears that temporary private quarantine facilities may not be able to fill this demand because such facilities are established, approved, and operated by importers to handle horses imported for a particular event. We are requesting comments on the need for permanent private quarantine facilities for horses. We are also requesting comments on appropriate specific standards for the establishment of permanent private quarantine facilities for horses in order to meet any existing unfulfilled demand for quarantine services.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1622; 19 U.S.C. 1306; 21 U.S.C. 102-105, 111, 114a, 134a, 134b, 134c, 134d, 134f, 135, 136, and 136a; 31 U.S.C. 9701; 7 CFR 2.22, 2.80, and 371.2(d).

Done in Washington, DC, this 21st day of February 1996.

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Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71

[Airspace Docket No. 95-AWP-14]

Proposed Establishment of Class E Airspace; Auburn, CA

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to establish a Class E airspace area at Auburn, CA. The development of a Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) to Runway (RWY) 7 has made this proposal necessary. The intended effect of this proposal is to provide adequate controlled airspace for Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at Auburn Municipal Airport, Auburn, CA.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send comments on the proposal in triplicate to: Federal